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CRATER LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

20 W. Bank St.

Petersburg, VA 23803

I. The Crater Local Human Rights Committee (Crater LHRC) held their regular meeting Thursday, November 9, 2006 at 5:30 p.m. at 20 W. Bank Street, Suite 6, Petersburg, VA 23803. The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:42 p.m. A quorum of members was present.

II. Public Comments. There were no public comments.

III. Roll Call

Members Present:

Carol Gittman
Joseph P. Dickens
Rosa Parham

Members Absent:

Ralph Anderton

Regional Advocate:

James O Bowser

Affiliates' Attendance:

A - Adult Activity Services, Jim Scott
A - Agapé Unlimited, Inc., Beatrice Johnson
A - ARC-Petersburg, Felicia Daniels
T – Associates in Counseling & Therapeutic Services, LLC, Rick Lupacchino, LCSW
T - Benchmark Residential, Clarence Dilworth
T - Blue Ridge Residential Services, LLC, Kelly Murphy
A - Dan-Poe-Dil, Inc., Clarence Dilworth
A - District 19 CSB, Ginny Travis
T - Divine Intervention Residential Services, **Did not attend**
T -Family & Community Support Systems, Kathy DeShazo
T - Greater Unity – Eugene Thomas
A - John Randolph Medical Center, Seressa Burgess, Annette Richardson
A - Low Ground Visions, Inc., Chandra S. Batts, Cynthia Batts
T - Miracles Behavioral Health Center, Danetta Berryhill
A - New Beginnings, Inc.
T - O.L.A. Home for Boys, LLC, Valerie C. Minor
A - Phoenix-n-Peace, Inc., Steven R. Watkins, Sr., Sandra J. Mason
A - Pryor House, **Did not attend**
A - Southside Regional Medical Center – Inpatient & Outpatient Services, Vicki Durnford
T - Southern Virginia Regional Medical Center, Bob Marcello
A - T'LAB, Inc., Janine Johnson, Rebecca Mann
T - Tri-City Solutions, Will Anderson
A - Visions Family Services, Michael Nichols

IV. Approval of Minutes: (September 14, 2006): Mr. Dickens made a motion to approve the minutes. Motion seconded by Ms. Parham. Motion approved.

V. Regional Advocate's Comments:

- A. There were public comments sessions held on proposed changes to the Human Rights Regulations in Henrico County November 8, 2006 with one person speaking. Individuals can forward comments to Margret Walsh at the Department's Office on Human Rights.
- B. There is currently a vacancy in the Regional Advocate's office (Jim Bowser). Interviews were held October 17th with a candidate and alternate being selected.
- C. Timing on statewide conference: Looks like early or late spring of 2007.

VI. Old Business

- A. **Report on action to form LHRC for temporary affiliates.** Kathy DeShazo reported on the meeting held on October 16th with seven of nine temporary affiliates present (Miracle Behavioral Health Center not present). Received and reviewed three applications for LHRC which were passed on to Mr. Bowser. One more application has since been received. All have been passed on the SHRC. Tuckahoe LHRC will be the name. Working to recruit two consumers. The SHRC meets on December 1, 2006 for consideration.
- B. **Results of search for new LHRC members.** Mrs. Gittman placed an advertisement in the PROGRESS-INDEX. She asked affiliates to help recruit new members for the committee. Ms. Jones visited the meeting with Ms. Newby and will complete an application. Another interested applicant called, though he/she is an employee of the DMHMRSAS and is, thus, ineligible to serve on the LHRC.
- C. **Status of Neurological Rehab Living Centers transfer to another LHRC.** This temporary affiliate has moved on to a new LHRC.
- D. **Affiliation Agreement Update – ongoing.** The Committee has been working on the affiliation agreement to address attendance at meetings and paying dues. Mrs. Gittman will pass what she has to Mr. Bowser and the Committee. Will need everyone's signatures once it is completed.

VII. New Business

- A. **New programs to be presented by Phoenix-n-Peace.** Phoenix-n-Peace would like to add a new location at 2628 Plank Road in Petersburg to be incorporated under the Phoenix-n-Peace program.

Mr. Dickens moved to approve adding the new location to the Phoenix-n-Peace program. Seconded by Mrs. Parham. Motion carried.

B. Request to add addresses on HR Activities Reports on 1st line after “Name of Affiliate/ Program.” Affiliates are asked to add their address on the 1st line after “Name of Affiliate/Program” on the Human Rights Activities Reports.

C. Request for Temporary Affiliation by Associates in Counseling and Therapeutic Services, LLC. Rick Lupicino with Associates in Counseling and Therapeutic Services, LLC, described their services an intensive in-home program. Licensed staff will be used. They will conduct research into best practices. They anticipate initially serving 12 under the age of 21 years. They will move to the new Tuckahoe LHRC when it is approved for operation.

Mr. Dickens moved to approve the request for temporary affiliation by Associates in Counseling and Therapeutic Services, LLC. Seconded by Mrs. Parham. Motion carried.

VIII. Affiliates’ Reports: Affiliates reported complaints and allegations to the Committee.

IX. Other Actions: There were no other actions.

X. Adjournment: Mr. Dickens made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Parham seconded the motion. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Carol Gittman, Chair

(Date)